



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1172***

LCO No. 3794

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES SUFFERING FROM CERTAIN HEALTH CONDITIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Any state employee or  
2       former state employee who works or worked in any state-owned or  
3       state-leased building who is or was diagnosed by a physician during  
4       the time such employee works or worked at such location, or within  
5       one year after the time such employee last works or worked at such  
6       location, with any of the following conditions shall have an  
7       irrebuttable presumption that such condition resulted as a direct  
8       consequence of environmental factors present in such building:  
9       Hypersensitivity pneumonitis, sarcoidosis or asthma that began or  
10      significantly worsened during the time the employee worked in such  
11      building.

12      (b) Any state employee working in any state-owned or state-leased  
13      building who is diagnosed by a physician as having an adverse health  
14      condition, and the physician determines, in writing, that such  
15      condition is likely caused or exacerbated by environmental factors  
16      present in the building shall, upon submission of such written

17 determination to the Commissioner of Administrative Services, be  
18 relocated to another building not later than ten business days after  
19 such submission without prejudice to the employee's employment  
20 status, position or benefits. No employee relocated from any building  
21 under this section shall be required to return to such building unless a  
22 physician approved by the employee determines, in writing, that the  
23 employee may return to such building without adverse effects to the  
24 employee's health.

25 (c) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall adopt  
26 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the  
27 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To create an irrebuttable presumption that certain health conditions of state employees working in state-owned or state-leased buildings were caused by environmental factors present in the building, and to require that state employees whose health is adversely affected by environmental factors in any state-owned or state-leased leased building be relocated.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*